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SUBJECT: CONTACT WITH RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVE

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1. IN CONTEXT FAST MOVING EVENTS MENTIONED REFTTEL AND REPERCUSSIONS THESE CAN HAVE ON RHODESIA'S FUTURE, EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED RECEIVE MESSAGE FROM RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVE.

2. HOWEVER, IN VIEW TENDENTIOUS SPECULATION WHICH COULD RESULT SHOULD MEETING BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE (SUCH AS THAT ABOUT ALLEGED COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA FOLLOWING ADMIRAL BIERMANN'S PRIVATE TRIP TO U.S.), MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT LEVEL NO HIGHER THAN CHIEF OF SECTION. MEETING SHOULD NOT, OF COURSE, BE IN EMBASSY OR RHODESIAN OFFICES BUT AT APPROPRIATE RESIDENCE OR OTHER PRIVATE PLACE AND KNOX SHOULD UNDERSTAND INFORMAL BASIS OF CONTACT. EMBOFF SHOULD HEAR OUT RHODESIAN VIEWS BUT NOT ENGAGE IN SPECULATION ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE RECENT EVENTS OR POSSIBLE U.S. ACTIONS. SHOULD KNOX RAISE QUESTION OF FUTURE MEETINGS, EMBASSY OFFICER SHOULD REMAIN NONCOMMITAL. RUSH

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